

and expecting greater success than ever before and then struggling for four solid weeks looking as if fate was against us, yet none of the members showing any signs of discouragement, was a thing I never saw before. It was a common thing to hear them say, "Well, I am not going to be discouraged if we don't have a convert."

5. I never before had so many clear answers to prayer during a revival.

(a) I prayed that I might not be discouraged.  
(b) That my people might not be discouraged.  
(c) That if it was his will, after testing us, to prove that he was with us and honor our work. All this and more the blessed Savior did. Every person that was kept away by sickness was brought back to church and every one united, that we hoped might be converted. The last week the community became aroused, attendance increased, and we closed with the best interest we ever had in Allentown. Praise his name. Baptized three, one received by relation from the United Brethren church, who had been baptized, and one reclaimed, who had left us and united with the Reform church. She became dissatisfied and I believe returned to stay. One came out the last night after communion, being obliged to leave for home I could not then baptize her.

We closed with the best communion we ever held in Allentown. With a Sunday school of nearly two hundred, prejudice rapidly being removed, a number talking of coming with us, and with a membership that stands nobly by the work, we expect greater things in the future.

I rejoice with Bro. Tombaugh for the success of Hagerstown church, but unless he favors two communions during a revival I must differ with him and our noble editor in preferring a communion at the beginning rather than at the close of a revival. New converts need all the means of grace possible and a good communion service helps to strengthen them.

We are now holding forth in Jersey. Will report later.  
ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

#### Quaker City Notes.

Christmas is here and the streets down town are literally packed with purchasers of gifts, both great and small. Would that more of them knew the true end of giving. Aristotle said once: "To give money and be expensive is what any man can do, and easy; but to do these to the right person and in due proportion, at the right time with a right object, and in the right manner, this is not as before what any man can do, nor is it easy." (See Luke 14: 12-14)

Last Tuesday, (10th) we preached for the first time at the mission conducted by Bro. Bowman and Sister Detwiler. Under these two efficient workers the work ought certainly to prosper, and we expect that this vast city will soon see at least one more whole gospel church.

On the 5th inst., we held our semi-annual communion. It was a glorious feast of love and meditation. The attendance was as large as any we have ever had in this church. We had with us Bro. Helme of Massachusetts, an eastern evangelist of like precious faith, who greatly rejoiced that he found a people who were actually keeping to the words of Jesus as the spirit had led him to see and understand them. Bro. Helme preached at Allentown for the Brethren last Sunday, and Sister Harley reports two blessed services. We believe he would be a very useful man to us in the spreading of the gospel, and we may yet have a man in a field hitherto unknown to us the New England States.

Last Sunday evening was a blessed service for us here. The house seemed filled with the glory of God and praise for his name. Six persons expressed a desire to know Christ better, one of whom had been a former member here. Some of these, possibly all, will soon be added unto us at this place, at which time we will make proper re-

port; some will have to face great difficulties in living for Christ, but his marvellous grace will be sufficient for them.

In these last days the conflict grows warmer, God's very own grow fewer but truer, our blessed and glorious hope grows brighter and nearer, our prayers grow more and more fervent, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Take to thyself the ancient throne of our father, David, and with the words of thy mouth usher in the golden age of man."

L. S. BAUMAN.

#### From the Pa. Field

I am in receipt of a communication from the pen of brother E. E. Haskins of Johnstown Pa. containing the first words of encouragement received from the pastors of Pa. Many thanks, Brother H.: I'll take my "alabaster boxes while alive. God bless you for your interest in the mission work of our church. God is blessing our work, and the cause in general. I now see, "not thru a glass darkly," why hearts at conference were almost bleeding for our mission work in this state.

The Goliath of slaughtered hopes, and lost prestige is stalking thru the land; if some of the preachers who are necessitated to come up to conference, begging excuses for a half converted congregation, to balance the deficiency in the mission money, could see the joy and consolation protruding from the faces of isolated members, and how it kindles the smouldering coals on the altar of their poor hearts, to hear a sermon, and to know that the Brethren church of Pa., is trying to help them, there would be no need for the mission board to go begging.

Now I don't want any poor pinched and half starved soul to cry out, yes, Smith has an ax to grind. Brethren I am not after the money of our beloved brotherhood; I am after souls. And allow me to say, that I can get one hundred dollars more than I get as Evangelist to serve as a pastor. But just as sure as those who have called me to this work, fail to support this work thru their prayers, gifts and donations, I shall quit, and take a charge and do my own mission work as in the past by the grace of God.

Since last report, I have had two additions, one at Calvary where God is wonderfully blessing the work. The other is the visible result of present work at McVeytown where I am now doing my best and God is doing his. I have an Evangelist singer with me. He is related to me in many ways, our mothers are sisters. I hope to keep him thru this meeting and even longer, if I can raise the necessary funds. May God bless the churches and pastors everywhere, and help win the world for Christ. Pray for us.  
EUGENE H. SMITH.

Gospel and Song Evangelist.

#### Our Scenic Journey (Letter No. 3.)

Next we passed close to

"THE DEAD SEA OF AMERICA."

Great Salt Lake is one of the most remarkable bodies of water in the world. It has an area of 2500 miles. One traveler in speaking of it said, "It is a huge caldron, set in a rim of mountains, more than four thousand feet above the sea, and which has boiled away until in its remaining waters is the concentrated mineral essence of all the larger sea of which it is now the last drop in the lowest place." This lake has become a popular bathing resort, and thousands bathe in its waters annually. Scientists tell us that this wonderful lake is slowly disappearing. After leaving the lake, we speed on across the great American desert to the eastern foot-hills of the Sierras. On our way, to the right of the track we saw the place where

"THE FAMOUS GOLDEN SPIKE"

was driven. At Promontary on May 10, 1869, this spike united the Central and Union Pacific railroads, making the first line of railway across

the continent. Now we are approaching the striking and beautiful scenery of

"THE SIERRA NEVADA RANGE"

unlike the Rocky mountains in the growth of trees and more snow. Here we entered 42 miles of snow sheds. The highest point over which we pass is 7000 feet. In these mountains is the famous

"CAPE HORN."

The American river rushes on to its destination 1500 feet below the tract. In one place the train runs on a shelf, cut out of solid rock on the side of the mountain 2500 feet above the bottom of the chasm. We were told that when the track was laid, the laborers were suspended from above to cut out the road bed, until they might gain a narrow foothold.

Now we go on down the mountain, thru Blue Canyon where the grass is green, flowers are blooming with things in abundance. Stopping at Sacramento, the capital of California, population 33000, elevation 30 feet. Here we tarried one hour, we arrived at Lathrop at 7:05 p. m. Monday. Here we were met by Sister J. P. Wolfe and son and driven out to their pleasant home where we are writing. More anon.

ROGER E. DARLING.

Lathrop, Calif.

#### From the North

According to previous arrangements I started November 15 for Manton, Michigan, to preach the gospel and exhort with all long suffering and doctrine, to be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, persuade etc. I preached ten sermons, made eight visits and at least one man to tremble. Some were convinced by facts but would not yield. A Methodist minister agreed with the gospel of Christ as the Brethren hold to it with the exception of trine immersion which was a new thing to him, and the doctrine of non-swearing. He agreed to investigate the subject. If God should show him the way he would do according to the best light and knowledge he possessed. I had a talk with him on the great commission and he seemed convinced that three actions were required.

It was so late in the season that many had gone into camp as they call it up there which means that the people are working in the lumber district. If we could form an organization so that people feel that they would have a church home, I believe we could do something. My stay was entirely too short.

I expect to go to Sunfield church on Thursday December 5, to commence a revival meeting. Pray much for us in Michigan.

WALTER CLARK.

#### Flora, Indiana

Mission Day was observed by the Flora church, Dec. 1st., in response to the request of the State Mission Board and a Thanksgiving offering of \$6 38 was taken for the work. A special program was given by the C. E. which was the only evening service; our pastor being at the bedside of a sick daughter at Frankfort where a second message had summoned him on Sunday afternoon. He returned on Monday and was with us in our communion service in the evening. On Saturday, Brother Swinhart was called to Camden to administer baptism to a brother who is afflicted with the dread disease, consumption. His wife was baptized, also and both received into the Brethren church. The probability now, is there will be applicants for baptism and membership at our next meeting. We expect to hold a revival in Jan. and trust the Lord will give us willing hearts and hands to labor for the success of the meeting. May the revival spirit overspread the entire brotherhood and may the ingathering of souls be such as has never been known in the history of the Brethren church.

MAUDE WINGARD.